

Minutes of Infrastructure Repair Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting

April 14, 2014, 4:00 pm

One Twin Pines Lane, Suite 210

ROLL CALL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Reed, Ashby, McCune, Violet

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Stone

STAFF PRESENT: Finance Director Fil, City Manager Scoles, Public Works Director Oskoui, Parks & Recreation Director Gervais (arrived 4:39 pm), and Management Analyst Voelker

ORAL COMMUNICATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Perry Kennan, Belmont resident, spoke on the funding target and encouraged the Committee to educate the public on infrastructure and funding issues.

Ralph Stark, Belmont resident, inquired as to sewer line repairs on Chesterton. Director Oskoui advised that he leave his contact information, and the Public Works Department will contact him to address his concerns.

“INFRASTRUCTURE 101”: SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM – ORAL UPDATE FROM STAFF

Director Oskoui began his oral update, starting first with Streets. He reviewed optimal Pavement Condition Index (PCI) standards and reported that the City’s current PCI rating is 57. He explained how the City’s Pavement Management Program is currently funded and presented ranges for the Committee to consider, depending upon desired PCI. He added that staff can perform mixed modeling to give a variety of scenarios. Discussion ensued.

Kristen Mercer, Planning Commissioner, inquired as to what the ongoing need would be once the City gets up to its ideal PCI target. Director Oskoui replied that it would largely depend on the model chosen.

Director Oskoui then moved on to present the scope of storm drains. He explained how storm drains are funded and noted that staff is currently working with a consultant to provide updated numbers on the scope of the need. He provided a number of scenarios for the Committee’s consideration, depending on the funding level available through a potential revenue measure.

Director Oskoui moved on to discuss sanitary sewers. Staff is currently in the midst of an assessment to evaluate the City’s force mains and will have more accurate numbers to provide in the summer, once the assessment has been completed. He detailed the differences between the two sewer rates and noted that the City can implement a rate adjustment if funds fall short in this area. Discussion ensued.

In response to a question by Chair Reed, Director Oskoui stated that this information should be readily available on the City’s website in about 2-4 weeks.

Parks & Recreation Director Gervais then provided an oral report on Facilities, reviewing a handout on the City's Facility Condition Index. He explained that staff is currently in the midst of assessing all of the City's facilities to identify deferred maintenance. Director Gervais responded to Committee questions.

Having heard all oral updates, Chair Reed asked the Committee for their thoughts regarding the top two priorities that should be the focus of the revenue measure feasibility survey. Discussion ensued.

ACTION: On a motion by Committee Member Violet, seconded by Committee Member Ashby, the Infrastructure Repair Ad-Hoc Committee unanimously selected Streets and Storm Drains as the top two priorities for Godbe Research to focus on. Third was park facilities.

Kristen Mercer, Planning Commissioner, pointed out that, in drafting the survey with the pollster, the Committee should keep in mind how localization may affect residents' opinions.

Perry Kennan, Belmont resident, stated the Committee needs to set goals as to PCI levels. He also encouraged staff to put the information provided by staff today in writing.

COMMITTEE SCOPE

Chair Reed reviewed the handout provided, which summarized the Committee's mission, objectives and duration. He discussed the purpose of the "City Council Select" subcommittee consisting of himself and Council Member Stone, noting that this will help to ensure that the Ad-Hoc Committee is able to present a fair and unbiased report back to Council once the poll has been completed.

The Committee was in agreement as to the mission, objectives and duration discussed.

WRAP-UP / NEXT STEPS

Chair Reed noted that he and Council Member Stone have an upcoming kickoff meeting with Godbe Research to begin constructing the survey questions, and will report back to the Committee in a few weeks. The next meeting date is to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT 5:14 p.m.

Thomas Fil
Finance Director